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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: TEXT OF US STATEMENT OF JULY 19 NAC

FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT BY US PERMREP IN JULY 19 MORNING NAC

(REPORT SEPTTEL):

BEGIN TEXT:

THIS MORNING, AS YOU KNOW, UNDER SECRETARY SISCO DEPARTED LONDON--  
WHERE HE HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH AND TURKISH AUTHORITIES,  
AND WITH SYG LINS AND IS ENROUTE TO ATHENS AND LATER IN THE DAY,  
ANKARA. INCIDENTLY , ON A MATTER OF INTEREST TO THE NAC, I AM  
ADVISED THAT AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION IN LONDON  
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WAS OUR COLLEAGUE AMBASSADOR ERALP.

AS I SAID LAST NIGHT, IN THIS FAST MOVING SITUATION, THERE ARE  
MULTIPLE CENTERS OF DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN ADDITION TO OUR

DISCUSSIONS HERE. I REFER OF COURSE TO THE CONTACTS IN LONDON AND NEW YORK AND TO THE BILATERAL CONTACTS BEING PURSUED IN CAPITALS. OUR NATIONS ARE ENGAGED IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING DECISIONS--IMPORTANT DECISIONS. AND IT IS SOME TIMES DIFFICULT FROM ANY ONE VANTAGE POINT TO HAVE A COMPLETE PICTURE.

IN THIS CONNECTION I WISH TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL THAT MY GOVERNMENT REGARDS THE RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSIONS THUS FAR AND OF SECRETARY LUNS GOOD OFFICES TO DATE AS HAVING PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ENCOURAGING RESTRAINT. WITH SO MUCH GOING ON IN SO MANY OTHER PLACES--ATHENS, ANKARA, NICOSIA, LONDON, NEW YORK-- WE THINK THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD NOW ALLOW THESE EVENTS TO DEVELOP SO AS TO HAVE A CLEARER IDEA OF THE OPTIMUM FUTURE ROLE FOR THE COUNCIL AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL.

IN THAT CONNECTION, I WISH TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL ON THE SUBSTANCE OF US DEMARCHES MADE ON JULY 17 IN ATHENS AND ANKARA. IN EACH CASE, THESE WERE FOLLOW UP REPRESENTATIONS TO ONES MADE EARLIER IN THE CRISIS ABOUT WHICH I HAVE ALREADY INFORMED YOU.

ON JULY 17 OUR AMBASSADOR IN ATHENS AGAIN MET WITH THE GREEK ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER AND INFORMED HIM THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAD NOTED HIS STATEMENT THAT THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE ON CYPRUS WAS UNCHANGED AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE STOOD FOR TOTAL TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THAT REPUBLIC. THE GREEK ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER WAS TOLD THAT THE UNITED STATES ASSUMES THAT THIS STATEMENT BY HIM REPRESENTS THE FIRM POLICY OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE UNITED STATES INTERPRETS THIS STATEMENT IN THE SENSE THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT REJECTS THE POLICY OF ENOSIS. OUR DEMARCHE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT ANY MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF ENOSIS WOULD BE REGARDED BY TURKEY AS A HIGH PROVOCATIVE ACT AND ONE WHICH WOULD ONLY HAVE A SERIOUS DESTABILIZING EFFECT IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

WE FURTHER TOLD THE GREEK ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER THAT WE ARE AWARE THAT THE GREEK CONTINGENT ON CYPRUS WAS SOON TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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ROTATED AND THAT IT IS OUR STRONG VIEW THAT THIS ROTATION SHOULD IN NO WAY INCREASE THE NUMBERS OF GREEK FORCES IN CYPRUS AT ANY ONE TIME AND BEYOND THAT NUMBER SANCTIONED BY THE TREATY ARRANGEMENTS.

IN OUR REPRESENTATIONS IN ANKARA WE INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY THAT WE HAVE MADE KNOWN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE OUR SUPPORT FOR A SINGLE SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT CYPRUS AND THAT WE URGED ATHENS TO CARRY OUT THE ROTATION OF THEIR CONTINGENT ON CYPRUS IN A ROUTINE WAY WITHOUT INCREASING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF THEIR FORCES ON CYPRUS. WE ALSO INFORMED THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY THAT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES AT THIS TIME IS TO PREVENT A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN TWO NATO ALLIES. IN THE US

GOVERNMENT VIEW, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE NOT LOSE SIGHT OF LARGE STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THAT CAUTION AND RESTRAINT BE EXERCISED SO THAT IT MINIMIZES THE POSSIBILITY OF A SOVIET EXPLOITATION OF THE PRESENT SITUATION.

A NUMBER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NAC, IN OUR DISCUSSIONS THIS WEEK ON THE CYPRUS CRISIS HAVE UNDERSTANDABLY BEEN WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AT TIMES ON SPECIFIC POINTS IN THIS FAST MOVING SITUATION AND THEREFORE CONCERNED THAT OUR SILENCE ON THEM MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED. HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE SEEN THIS MORNING, POINTS OF VIEW EXPRESSED BY THIS BODY, IT SEEMS TO ME, NEED NOT REQUIRE FULL CONSENSUS OR UNANIMITY IN EVERY INSTANCE AND NONE OF US SHOULD BE PUT IN A POSITION WHERE WE MUST EITHER DISSENT FROM A POINT OF VIEW THAT HAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT, UNTIL OUR AUTHORITIES HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY A MATTER, OR BY OUR SILENCE PREMATURELY COMMIT OUR GOVERNMENTS TO AN IMPORTANT POLICY DECISION ON A SENSITIVE MATTER.

I REALIZE WE HAVE IN THIS CRISIS BEEN CONCERNED THAT SOME INDICATION OF THE GENERAL FLOW OF OUR DISCUSSIONS BE PASSED TO THE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO REBUT RUMORS OR IMPRESSIONS OF INDIFFERENCE, INACTIVITY OR EVEN IN AT LEAST ONE INSTANCE AN ALLEGATION OF COMPLICITY IN THE CYPRUS COUP. I BELIEVE THAT AS A RESULT OF PRESS ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING OUR LAST FEW MEETINGS--ACTIVITIES BY BOTH MEMBER NATIONS AND BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF--WE HAVE PROBABLY GONE ABOUT AS FAR AS WE CAN TO DISPEL ANY SUCH RUMORS.

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I BELIEVE THAT THE GOAL OF THIS COUNCIL SHOULD BE RESULTS. BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS AND BECAUSE OF NATIONAL SENSITIVITIES ABOUT IT, THE COUNCIL ITSELF SHOULD PROBABLY AVOID NEW REPRESENTATIONS TO THE PRESS. AS SUGGESTED BY AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE, NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS CAN BEST PRESENT THEIR OWN POSITIONS TO THE PRESS, THEREBY AVOIDING CHARACTERIZATION OF THE POSITIONS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS, WHICH MIGHT MAKE OUR TASKS MORE DIFFICULT.

ONE OF THE GREATEST ASSETS OF THIS FORUM IS THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF OUR DISCUSSIONS. WE SHOULD GUARD THIS ADVANTAGE JEALOUSLY AS IT MAY SERVE US WELL, INCLUDING IN THIS CRISIS.

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